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And

Perfect Relation of a  
great and bloody Skirmish lately  
fought before the City of  
VVORCESTER

Between ten Troops of our side  
consisting of about 500. Horse, and the  
Troops of the Cavaliers consisting of  
1800. Horse. Decemb. 8.

*With the names of the Captaines, and other Offi-  
cers and Troopers, that were slaine, wounded  
and taken prisoners on both sides.*



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# Perfect Relation of a

great and bloody, & ruinous battle  
fought near the City of

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Between ten thousand of our side  
consisting of about 500 Horse, and the  
Troops of the Dutch, consisting of  
1000 Horse, &c.

With the names of the Captains, and other Officers  
of both Armies, the names of the  
Persons who were killed, and the

Done at London, the 13th of December, 1641.

A true relation of a great Battell fought  
before the City of *Worcester*.



O give you some Testimony of my  
abilities to do you Service, for your  
many favours conferred upon me,  
I cannot otherwise for the present, then  
by the relation of some exceeding true and re-  
markable passages, which after a tedious march,  
happened betwene 10. Troops of our Horse,  
consisting of about 500. which went before to the  
Towne a day before the Army: And the Cava-  
liers Troope consisting of about one thousand  
eight hundred Horse. The Skirmish began be-  
tweene them, on Friday being the nine and twen-  
tieth day of *November*, about foure of the Clocke  
in the afternoone, within a mile of the City of  
*Worcester*, and within a flight-shot of the River  
*Severne*: The reason that our tenne Troops (be-  
ing but a handfull to the Cavaliers) fell on, was  
because that the Cavaliers had very cunningly  
sent a report to those tenne Troops, pretending  
that they were the Army, and that they were to be  
attacked by the Cavaliers.

that it came from the Lord Generall, the Earle of *Essex*, that his Excellencie was within a mile of the other side of the Towne, and would fall on presently, and wisht them to fall on likewise which was a plot and a meere invention of the Cavaleers, for those ten troops to fall on, where by they with all their Forces intended to cut off these ten troops: His Excellencies Army being at that time (which the Cavaleers knew very well) five myles distant from WORCESTER, and had marcht exceeding hard that day to come so nere, for had our army been then within a myle of the town, we had taken all the Cavaleers.

But to give a perfect and true relation of this Fight, and what Commanders we lost, I shall give you a perticular of their names, which I had from some Officers that were then in the Skirmish, and are very much wounded, and therefore you may boldly take it for a true relation, Colonell *Sands* troope fell on first, where the Colonell himselfe was dangerously wounded in three places, his Cornet slaine, his Lieutenant dangerously wounded, Sergeant Major *Douglas* a brave Souldier was slaine, Captaine *Bery* slaine, his Cor-

not wounded, Captaine *Astons* Leivtenant slaine,  
 his Quarter master dangerously wounded, six of  
 troopers slaine, his quartermaster dangerously  
 wounded, his Corporall slaine, Two of Alderman  
*Soames*. men which were troopers, in this Skir-  
 mish, one whereof viz. Master *Low* was slaine,  
 and the other viz. master *Tynne*, taken prisoner,  
 and carried away by Prince *Roberts* Forces. Cap-  
 taine *Burrell*, Captaine *Heale*, and Captaine *Fynes*  
 were also in this Skirmish, but are come off well  
 with the losse onely of some troopers. As for  
 the number of our Common Horse or troopers,  
 which were that Evening slaine, I cannot heare  
 but of twenty three and for the Cavaleers, it is  
 credibly reported, that they lost some Comman-  
 ders, for they wer seene to carry away foure dead  
 Corps, and it is reported for certaine, that Prince  
*Maurice* brother to Prince *Robert* was dangerously  
 hurt, and for all the odds of the Caveleers. who  
 having encompassed our men. as it were in a  
 halfe Moone, yet our Troops charged through  
 their whole body, and foret their passage, onely  
 with the losse of what is above mentioned, and  
 so made their retreat good.

And

And then the Cavaliers marched into the Towne,  
and about twelve of the Clocke at night, ranne  
quite away, and are gone to *LUDLOW*,  
not daring to stay the comming of our Army the  
next morning

For upon report of this Skirmish to his Ex-  
cellencie the Earle of *Essex*, the Army being  
quartered in the feilds for that night, having  
marcht that day about Foureteene myles, and for  
fiveteene dayes together Exceeding hard, gave Or-  
der to the whole Army to march the next mor-  
ning by the Breake of Day.

Whereupon the whole Army gave a great shout  
being overjoyed to heare that they should Encoun-  
ter with the Cavaleers; Insomuch that the sound of  
the Drums, at that time could not be heard.

The Commanders encouraging the Souldiers,  
And the Souldiers Vowing to follow their Com-  
manders, Although a Report came into our  
Campe, that Prince *Robert* would give us Battell  
the next Morning, which was but a bravado of  
theirs,

Yet our men were no whit danted, but rather

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Encouraged and stronger in their former resolution.

And then every regiment returning to their quarters, and passing on their Duty wishing every minute the morning Starre to appeare.

But before the time appointed for our Army to march, we were prevented of our long hoped wishes, by reason of a Petition which was sent from the Major, and Aldermen, of the City of *W O R C E S T E R*, ( by one Master Ray, one of the Captaines of the Trained Bands of *W O R C E S T E R* ) to our Generall the Earle of *E S S E X*, certifying him that the Cavaliers were all gone out of *W O R C E S T E R*, at twelve of that night, desiring also in their Petition that the Earle would not be offended with the Towne for what they did was meereely through compulsion, and feare of the Cavaliers, who had done the Towne great injuries, as likewise most places wheresoever they came.

Thereupon our Generall taking into consideration their Petition, committed the bearer Master Ray to the custody of one Capraigne Mathews a Captaine of his owne Regiment, till his Excellencie



lencie might be further satisfied concerning the truth of this Petition, least it had, or might be some plot to ensnare the Army, but within an houre after we found Master *Rayer* Relation, and the Petition to be very true, and so we marched peaceably into *Worcester*, where as yet we remain untill we heare from his Majesty: His Excellence our Generall having sent a Post with some Letters to desire his Majesty to returne to his Parliament, and to leave those Delinquents to the Justice of the Law.

So for the present I can send you no other Relation, but when any further occasion happens I shall take the boldnesse to present my service.

It is this day Ordered by the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, that *Richard Wright* and *Nathaniell Hall*, shall be authorized by both Houses to search in London, and the Suburbs and Townes adjacent, for Armes lent by the City, and to seize the same, and to appoint Deputies for that purpose.

*Joh. Browne, Cler. Parliamentorum.*

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